

Message Text

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

PAGE 01 CAIRO 07499 251245Z

47

ACTION NEA-16

INFO OCT-01 ISO-00 AID-20 AGR-20 SWF-02 EB-11 PA-04 PRS-01

USIA-15 L-03 H-03 SP-03 CIAE-00 INR-11 NSAE-00 RSC-01

SS-20 NSC-07 COME-00 TRSE-00 OMB-01 IGA-02 DRC-01

/142 W

----- 010501

R 251145Z SEP 74

FM AMEMBASSY CAIRO

TO SECSTATE WASHDC 9163

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE CAIRO 7499

E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: EAID EG

SUBJECT: PL 480 PRESS LEAKS

REF STATE 210135

1. APPRECIATE PROBLEMS THAT PREMATURE PRESS LEAKS RE PL 480 CAN CAUSE. IN FACT, I SPECIFICALLY TAXED FAHMY FOR HAVING RELEASED NEWS OF UPCOMING PL 480 AGREEMENT BEFORE SIGNING. HE INSISTED IT WAS MATBOULY WHO RELEASED THE NEWS AFTER MY FIRST MEETING WITH HIM. I HAVE MY DOUBTS, SINCE MATBOULY AND I HAD TALKED ABOUT EXTENSIVE PRESS AND TV COVERAGE AT THE ACTUAL SIGNING AND HE HAD NOTHING TO GAIN BY A PREMATURE LEAK. AS IT TRANSPIRED, BECAUSE OF EARLIER PUBLICITY WHOEVER IN GOE WAS RESPONSIBLE, COVERAGE AND PUBLICITY FOR SIGNING WERE MINIMAL.

2. PROBLEM IS SENIOR EGYPTIAN OFFICIALS, ESPECIALLY FAHMY, ARE STARVED TO PROVIDE NEWS OF US ASSISTANCE AS EVIDENCE SOMETHING IS FINALLY HAPPENING TO JUSTIFY THEIR POLICY. AS A RESULT, THEY HAVE A TENDENCY TO WANT TO JUMP THE GUN.

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

PAGE 02 CAIRO 07499 251245Z

3. WILL CONTINUE DO UTMOST IMPRESS UPON EGYPTIANS
NEED TO AVOID PREMATURE LEAKS. BUT EGYPTIANS WILL BE
EGYPTIANS.
EILTS

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

NNN

Message Attributes

Automatic Decaptioning: X
Capture Date: 01 JAN 1994
Channel Indicators: n/a
Current Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
Concepts: PL 480, AGREEMENTS, NEWS LEAKS
Control Number: n/a
Copy: SINGLE
Draft Date: 25 SEP 1974
Decaption Date: 01 JAN 1960
Decaption Note:
Disposition Action: RELEASED
Disposition Approved on Date:
Disposition Authority: izenbei0
Disposition Case Number: n/a
Disposition Comment: 25 YEAR REVIEW
Disposition Date: 28 MAY 2004
Disposition Event:
Disposition History: n/a
Disposition Reason:
Disposition Remarks:
Document Number: 1974CAIRO07499
Document Source: CORE
Document Unique ID: 00
Drafter: n/a
Enclosure: n/a
Executive Order: N/A
Errors: N/A
Film Number: D740270-0062
From: CAIRO
Handling Restrictions: n/a
Image Path:
ISecure: 1
Legacy Key: link1974/newtext/t19740916/aaaaanlz.tel
Line Count: 65
Locator: TEXT ON-LINE, ON MICROFILM
Office: ACTION NEA
Original Classification: LIMITED OFFICIAL USE
Original Handling Restrictions: n/a
Original Previous Classification: n/a
Original Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Page Count: 2
Previous Channel Indicators: n/a
Previous Classification: LIMITED OFFICIAL USE
Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Reference: STATE 210135
Review Action: RELEASED, APPROVED
Review Authority: izenbei0
Review Comment: n/a
Review Content Flags:
Review Date: 14 AUG 2002
Review Event:
Review Exemptions: n/a
Review History: RELEASED <14-Aug-2002 by cunninfx>; APPROVED <05 MAR 2003 by izenbei0>
Review Markings:

Declassified/Released
US Department of State
EO Systematic Review
30 JUN 2005

Review Media Identifier:
Review Referrals: n/a
Review Release Date: n/a
Review Release Event: n/a
Review Transfer Date:
Review Withdrawn Fields: n/a
Secure: OPEN
Status: NATIVE
Subject: PL 480 PRESS LEAKS
TAGS: EAID, EG
To: STATE
Type: TE
Markings: Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 30 JUN 2005